

St. Odilia Parent Action Association (PAA)

Meeting Minutes for November 10th, 2009

1.) Welcome, Prayer, Introductions

- PAA co-chairs, Ann Heller and Jacki Wings welcomed and thanked all attendees.

2.) School Report-provided by Dave Fink

- Parents please beware when pulling in and out of our parking lot of students crossing. There have been some Island Lake cars that are pulling into the St. Odilia parking lot and dropping off their students near the street entrance. It can be difficult for drivers to see these students. Please enter our parking lot slowly and carefully especially at Island Lake start and dismissal times. The Island Lake administration has been contacted with regard to the safety concern.
- Middle school students have volunteered to ring the conference bells and help serve the conference meals.
- The Joseph's coat drive was very successful. Joseph's Coats wanted to send their sincerest gratitude to our community for the coats, hats, mittens, and boots that were donated. Due to high demand and low inventory they expected to be closed for the weekend but with the St. Odilia donations they were able to open. They ask for continued prayers for the center and for those they serve.
- A book drive service project will be organized for later in the school year.
- On November 11th, an aerial picture will be taken of students and staff forming a huge "50" outdoors in honor of St. Odilia's 50th Anniversary.
- The 8th graders will attend Eagle Bluff for a 3 day/2 night trip. The program will focus on community, confidence, and team building.
- Tony Melendes, an internationally known guitar player, will play for our students on November 19th at 9:45 in the church. Tony Melendes is an inspiration to watch and listen to as he has overcome the physical obstacle of playing the guitar without the use of arms. Parents are invited to attend.
- The St. Odilia Mens Club will host a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, November 15th and Turkey Bingo on November 20th. Please support the Men's Club as they are very generous with donating funds to the St. Odilia Athletic programs.
- PAA has paid for replacement parts and maintenance of the playground equipment.
- On November 12th, author and illustrator David Geister will present to students.

3.) Treasurer's Report-provided by Deb Jezierski

- See attached Cash Summary.

4.) School Council Report-provided by Claudia Munson

- The school council met on October 20th. Meeting minutes can be found on the school website.
- Concerns were raised regarding the effectiveness and maintenance of the school website.
- The parent marketing survey results will be available sometime after January.

5.) PAA Co-Chairs Report-provided by Ann Heller and Jacki Wings

- Thank you to all Marathon volunteers for coordinating another successful Marathon. Over \$75,000.00 was raised!
- Thank you to the Book Fair volunteers for raising over \$3,400.00 for our school library.
- PAA Co-Chairs have met with members of the Technology Committee to discuss school website needs for parents.
- The fall Art Adventure program is complete. Thank you to the Art Adventure teachers and helpers for their time and dedication.
- The Target Redcard-Take Charge of Education program continues to benefit St. Odilia. St. Odilia is the top elementary/middle school in Minnesota for funds raised using the Take Charge of Education program. St. Odilia has received almost \$90,000.00 from Target during the past 10 years. We have 261 families in our community that designate St. Odilia on their Target Visa. Thank you to those enrolled in the program! Please consider designating St. Odilia if you have not done so already. See attached flyer for details.

- The St. Odilia Men's Club will host the annual Valentine's Dinner at Kozlak's Royal Oaks on February 8th, 2010. Tickets are \$110.00 per couple. Watch for details in the church bulletin. Tickets will be available in the school office or you may contact Jacki Winges or Ann Heller.
- The Barnes and Noble St. Odilia Book Fair will be on Friday, December 4th. A percentage of all purchases will benefit St. Odilia. Please see flyer that was sent home for details.

6.) Committee Reports

Marathon-provided by Kim Schwieters

- Final total is \$75,362.99! Congratulations students, parents, and teachers! Last week the winning classes had their pizza parties and the grades winning the coin collection go to Pump It Up on November 20th. First Student Bus Company has generously donated one bus for transportation. Volunteers are needed for assisting with Marathon planning for next year, interested parents may contact Kim Schwieters.

Book Fair-provided by Mary Jo O'Dea

- The Fall Scholastic Book Fair went very well. Thanks to the hard work of our wonderful volunteers, and the generous support of the entire St. Odilia Community, this fall we raised \$3,460.92 for the library, put \$1,177.64 worth of new books on the library shelves, and placed hundreds of books in the hands of the children of St. Odilia. The students also donated \$542.19 in books for the Sharing Tree, and 542 books will be donated by Scholastic to needy kids through the One for Books Program. We would like to thank all of the great volunteers, teachers, staff, students, parents, and the entire St. Odilia Community for their generous support.

Lunchroom Helper Coordinator-provided by Mary Kay Callahan

- Thank you to the lunchroom volunteers. All slots are filled for this year. Thank you to the volunteers for being diligent about finding a sub in the event they are unable to help on their scheduled day.

Soccer Concessions-provided by Theresa Plasencia and Diane Clysdale

- The soccer season is officially done. Although we do not have exact numbers yet on concession profits we would like to thank all volunteers. It was an interesting season with many cancelled and rescheduled games, cold temperatures, and even snow covered field nights-but we made it! Thank you!

Conference Meals-provided by Mary Adams

- Teachers will be served delicious meals for lunch and dinner during conferences. Middle school students will help the conference meal volunteers serve the teachers.

Lost and Found-Sandy Halseth

- Be sure to check lost and found for your student's belongings during conferences. They will be displayed outside the courtyard. All remaining items will be donated.

Box Tops for Education/ Campbell Soup Labels-provided by Linda Lockwood

- Volunteers are needed to count and organize labels. This is a volunteer position that can be done from home. Please contact Linda Lockwood.

The next PAA meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th, 2010 at 7pm in room 2308. Free childcare is provided in the nursery. All parents are welcome. Please consider attending and getting involved. Future meetings will take place February 9th, March 9th, April 13th, and May 11th.

Meeting Attendees: Mr. Fink, Ann Heller, Jacki Winges, Deb Jezierski, Celine Donohue, Claudia Munson, Sandy Halseth, Mary Jo O'Dea, Mary Adams, Linda Lockwood

Submitted by Celine Donohue, PAA Secretary
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